

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 8 is gratefully acknowledged and claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form.

The specification has been amended to incorporate the proper headings under rule 37 CFR 1.97 and to correct any typographical errors, especially those specified in the action dated March 9, 2006.

Replacement drawings are attached hereto including reference characters "36" and "66" as requested. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been amended to distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

With respect to the rejection to claims 1-5 and 9, claim 1 has been amended to further limit the scope of the invention as disclosed. Neither of the cited references utilizes air leaked from a seal to provide cooling to the shroud segments as claimed in currently amended claim 1 and discussed on Page 3 lines 12-27 of the present specification.

U.K. Patent 806,815 discloses a cooling air chamber 33 located in the tubular outer casing and does not specify the source of said cooling air whereas the present invention discloses the air cooling chamber being located in a central space volume and said cooling air being leaked air from a seal, which normally would not be utilized, and used to cool shroud segments (U.K. 806,815 Column 4 lines 125-130). The patent to FULLER et al. (US 4,804,310) also fails to describe the source of the cooling air.

Entry of this amendment is solicited, is believed appropriate, and is believed to distinguish this invention from the cited references. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are believed in order and are solicited.

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